

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. After entry of the above amendments, claims 3, 13, 23, and 33 are canceled, and claims 1-2, 4-12, 14-22, 24-32, and 34-41 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-41 as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,717,830 issued to Sigler et al. (Sigler). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Per Claims 1, 11, 21, and 31, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose maintaining information about a user in a net. On the contrary, Sigler only discloses "billing information regarding the closed user group . . . communication," (Col. 10, lines 14-16), which is an information about the group (net) and not a user in the net. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 2, 12, 22, and 32, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose a net being secure or clear. On the contrary, Sigler discloses a general encryption process that applies to all nets, with no distinction as being secure or not. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 4, 14, 24, and 34, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose a net netaddress, as the Examiner has not discussed this limitation. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 5, 15, 25, and 35, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose net information identifying an arbitration scheme, as the Examiner has not discussed

this limitation. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 6, 16, 26, and 36, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose user information indicating whether a user is talking or listening, as the Examiner has not discussed this limitation. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 7, 17, 27, and 37, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose a user priority, as the Examiner has not discussed this limitation. Sigler only discloses a "priority message." Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 8, 18, 28, and 38, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose user having privilege to modify the information about the net, as the Examiner has not discussed this limitation. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 9, 19, 29, and 39, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose user IP address. The cited "Cellular ESN" is totally different from the claimed IP address. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Per Claims 10, 20, 30, and 40, Applicants respectfully submit that Sigler does not disclose identifying existing nets the user is authorized to participate in, as the Examiner has not discussed this limitation. Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention.

Therefore, since Sigler does not disclose all limitations of the claimed invention, Sigler cannot anticipate the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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